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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Hisashi OHTSUKI, Takayuki NORIMATSU, Eiji FUNAHASHI, Koji KAMETAKA, Motoharu NIKI, Katsumi SUGIYAMA, Kenro ADACHI
WHEEL BEARING AND SEALING DEVICE THEREFOR

Assignee: NTN CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q76328

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/709,390 (Confirmation No. 5022) filed November 13, 2000 of Hisashi OHTSUKI, Takayuki NORIMATSU, Eiji FUNAHASHI, Koji KAMETAKA, Motoharu NIKI, Katsumi SUGIYAMA, Kenro ADACHI entitled WHEEL BEARING AND SEALING DEVICE THEREFOR.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 27 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3676.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/709,390 filed November 13, 2000; the

disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-327049	November 17, 1999
Japan	2000-023814	February 1, 2000
Japan	2000-023815	February 1, 2000
Japan	2000-023816	February 1, 2000



Japan 2000-135513 May 9, 2000

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/709,390.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE **\$750.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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